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## Five Additional Stories Purchased for 'Exclusive!'

With the completion of the first thirteen films of the OPC television series, EXCLUSIVE!, additional stories by members of the Club are now being purchased to complete the total of thirty-nine half-hour films.

Among the stories for which contracts are being written are "Murder by Default" by Flora Lewis, "The Wild Goose" by Andrew St. George, "I Fooled Hitler" by Leo Lania, "The Big Plot" by Henry Jordan and "The Angel of Pig Alley" by Charles Robbins.

As with the first batch of films made, producer Bernard Luber will continue to do a major portion of the shooting on the locales which figure in the stories being dramatized. EXCLUSIVE! camera crews have journeyed to Naples, Paris, Munich, Moscow, Salonika, Athens and London. In filming the next twenty-six dramatizations, it is anticipated that the camera crews will travel throughout the world.

According to Gene Feldman, story editor of the series, the response to the last call for material was excellent. However, "the door has not been closed to additional stories and ideas," he points out. "The human interest story with impact, the little-known story behind the big headline - if you think you have one that could make the basis for a dramatic film, rush a brief summary of your idea to Derel Producing Assoc., 68 William St., New York 5," Feldman says.

### Club Calendar

Tues., June 11 - Open House - On Cuba. Robert Taber, CBS newsman who covered recent uprising in Cuba and interviewed rebel leader Fidel Castro. Also, Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, member of the board of editors of Spanish edition of *Life*. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., followed by usual buffet supper.

Tues., June 18 - Open House - Honorable A.A. Berle, former Assistant Secretary of State, discusses his new book on world affairs, *Tides of Crisis*. (Open House and Library Committees.) Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., followed by usual buffet supper.



FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASK RUSSIAN LEADER QUESTIONS

CBS

Nikita S. Khrushchev (left) listens to a question placed by Daniel Schorr during the CBS interview last week. Standing next to Khrushchev is his interpreter, Viktor Sukhadrev. Stuart Novins and B. J. Cutler, Moscow correspondent for the N. Y. Herald Tribune, are center.

### SCHORR TELLS HOW CBS INTERVIEWED KHRUSHCHEV HE PREFERRED INTERPRETERS TO EARPHONES; REFUSED MAKE-UP

Daniel Schorr, CBS Moscow correspondent reported how his company made its exclusive interview with Russia's Communist party head, Nikita S. Khrushchev, for "Face the Nation" on June 2.

The CBS News crew took over Khrushchev's office in the Kremlin May 28 for the interview. According to Schorr, the Russian leader seemed very much at ease as he entered the room to go before the microphones and cameras. He joked about being an actor and refused to wear television make-up, which he explained wasn't necessary because he shaves daily and uses talcum powder afterward.

He did not use earphones for simultaneous translation of the newsmen's questions, placed in English, but preferred an interpreter whispering into his ear.

After hearing moderator Stuart Novins' proposed introduction to the interview Khrushchev said it was wrong to describe his office as the place where "major decisions are made." He explained: "That place is the party presidium meeting room. I don't want to

give the impression that we have a new cult of personality."

The translator who gave Khrushchev's answers in English was Oleg A. Troyanovksy. The son of the first Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., Alexander T. Troyanovksy, he came to the U.S. when he was fourteen years old. He was educated at Friends School in Washington, D.C. and Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Since 1947, he has interpreted for Soviet leaders in Moscow and at international conferences, some in New York, and is well known to the press corps.

Soviet Foreign Ministry official Viktor Sukhadrev translated the newsmen's questions into Russian for Khrushchev.

Khrushchev told the newsmen his reason for appearing on the program was "to help improve relations with the U.S." His interview on "Face the Nation" was his first appearance especially for television - a "first" for Khrushchev, a "first" for CBS.



# OVERSEAS TICKER



## ROME

Publishers from a score of countries, members of the International Federation of Newspaper Publishers, converged on Rome before attending their annual meeting in Naples. Scheduled for top discussion and study is the subject of press freedom. Among those attending is Charles F. McCahill, vice president of the Forest City Publishing Co., publishers of the *Cleveland News* and *Plain Dealer*.

Other visitors to Rome included Harry Roberts, assistant managing editor of the *Toledo Blade*, who sometimes expresses his and the *Blade's* pleasure with a dispatch from abroad by a personal letter to the correspondent. Roberts came here from the International Press Institute meeting at Amsterdam.

Charles A. Storke and Mrs. Storke, editor and publisher of the *Santa Barbara News-Press* (Calif.) here on a European tour.

John Perdicari, *Film Daily's* Rome correspondent, is back from a New York visit with pockets full of 21 Club match folders which he has been distributing to friends. His reputation is that he knows more people on both sides of the Atlantic than any other two persons.

Tom Curran, UP vice president, on to Madrid after a Rome visit. AP's Eugene Levin and his family are now here. Gene was recently assigned to the Rome bureau.

Barrett McGurn, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, forcibly at home in Rome from a damaged muscle — while doing exercises and not while fleeing Egypt. The *Tribune's* prize-winning reporter has progressed from crutches to cane, and hopes to discard it soon to continue his southern and eastern travels.

Also on the disabled list is Henry "Hank" Toluzzi of NBC. He came here

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from his Beirut headquarters for medical and surgical attention at Rome's Salvator Mundi International Hospital.

Back from the Mid-East is AP photographer Tim Pringle. He's been on a three-month stint in Israel.

Ed Hymoff, radio news writer for NBC, was here from his New York office for a story on the U.S. Sixth Fleet and features on Rome. The latter included a bit of Rome's famous Trevi Fountain, where Ed noticed that the tourists now toss in three coins, not one. The reason: probably John Secondari's book. "Anyway," said Hymoff, "it made a nice little feature."

Frank Brutto

## PARIS

Bob Hope, Maurice Chevalier, Preston Sturges and French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau swapped public quips on the power of the press at the fiftieth anniversary banquet of the Anglo-American Press Ass'n. May 25.

The black-tie dinner-dance and cabaret was held at the Cercle Interallie in Paris. The cabinet crisis did not prevent Pineau, Justice Minister Francois Mitterrand, Interior Minister Gilbert Jules and Police Prefect Roger Genebrier from joining the festivities.

Among other guests were actress Anita Ekberg and her husband, actor Anthony Steele; SHAPE Commander General Lauris Norstad; writer Irwin Shaw; U.S. Ambassador Amory Houghton; British Minister Sir George Young; and Joseph Sharkey, former AP correspondent and founder-member of the group. French singer Patachou starred in the floor show.

Presiding was Association president, Harold Callender, *N.Y. Times* bureau chief.

Among OPCers table-hopping with their guests were Turner Catledge, *N.Y. Times* managing editor; Joseph Dynan, AP; Julia Edwards, Eugene English, Western Union; Robert Farrell, McGraw-Hill World News; Paul Ghali, Chicago

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David Schoenbrun, CBS bureau chief, made the cover and a four-page supplement in the weekly *L'Express* with excerpts from his new book, *As France Goes*. Dave's book is being published in French by Editions Julliard this month as *Ainsi Va La France*.

Julia Edwards is in Paris making plans to be one of the first automobile trippers into the Soviet Union. A tip from Dominique La Pierre, *Paris-Matcher* who pioneered in this feat with the late Jean-Pierre Pedrazzini (killed in Hungary): "When I asked Mikoyan for authorization to take my wife with me across Russia, he replied 'Your trip will terminate in a divorce because our roads are so bad.'" (La Pierre told the OPC May 28 about the journey.)

Jacqueline de Mauduit is turning her attention to pieces for *NANA*, *American Weekly* and others since the magazine *Bounty* went into hibernation. (It hopes to resume publication after reorganization.)

Mrs. Bob Considine is in town for a brief look-see.

The Walter Kerrs (he's a former *N.Y. Herald Tribune* man) are back in town to settle for a while. Bernard S. Redmont

## PANAMA

Olive Brooks, *Panama American* and *N.Y. Times*, has returned from a Stateside vacation. She called on *Times* colleague in Haiti, Bernard Diederich, just as he received an order of deportation.

Perce Reece Smith, *Panama American* and *Time-Life*, had his vacation in London delayed by a stopover in Haiti... Crede Calhoun, retired *N.Y. Times*-man, has started occasional contributions to the *Panama American*.

Robert Salisbury, Latin American publishing director for *Time-Life* Intl., and George Ne well, Pacific Coast Manager paid brief visits to Panama. Crede Calhoun

## JAMESTOWN NAVAL REVIEW FEATURED AT OPC



Photo by Ann Meuer

Rear Admiral Roy L. Johnson, first skipper of aircraft carrier *Forrestal* and director of the long range objectives planning group, Office Chief of Naval Operations, talks with Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Gallagher at the OPC on June 4.

Urging adequate naval and air forces, Johnson said that the likelihood of a nuclear war is probably decreasing because the world is "in a condition of nuclear stalemate." But the danger of "brush fire wars" is great - therefore we need more diversified armaments for easy adaptability and rapid movement, and should not put all of our dependence upon any one "single purpose weapon."

The occasion marked the opening of exhibit by Gallagher, a specialist in naval photography. The pictures show the history of the *Forrestal* and of Sixth Fleet operations in Mediterranean, including its Suez trips preceding the recent crisis. The Open House also marked the opening of the International Naval Review at Jamestown, 350th anniversary celebration, in which nineteen nations are participating.

### ALTSCHULL TO BONN FOR AP

J. Herbert Altschull succeeds Brack Curry as Bonn, Germany, correspondent for AP.

Altschull, formerly with the *York (Pa.) Gazette and Daily*, became a member of the AP Philadelphia staff in 1944. He went to Washington in 1951 and to Frankfurt in 1956.

Curry has been transferred to Frankfurt.

### "SKEPTICS SPECIAL"

Harrison Forman told a story about giant rainbow trout in Lake Titicaca, two miles high in South America, in his "Kingdom of Whoppers" which appeared in the June issue of *True*.

Panagra just announced a special round-trip fare to Lake Titicaca for skeptics who like fishing.

Felix Belair, *The Times'* Scandinavian correspondent, arrived in New York on the Swedish liner *Gripsholm*'s maiden voyage. He's vacationing here.

Allyn Baum, former photo editor for *Coronet*, joined the *N.Y. Times'* photo staff last month. He was a news photographer in Europe for INP and UP.

### NOLI IN FAR EAST

Luis Noli, AP Panama stringer, is vacationing in the Far East. He was in Taipei attending a party given for him by Spencer Moosa, AP staffer on Formosa since January, 1950, the night before the anti-American demonstrations broke out.

*Life's* Scot Leavitt has been transferred to the Hong Kong bureau from the New York editorial department.

Abe Rosenthal, *N.Y. Times'* correspondent in New Delhi, returned to New York last month with his wife and three sons for three months' home leave.

### BAR OPEN UNTIL 1:00 A.M.

For late diners, after-theatre and ball game crowd:

The Bar will remain open until 1:00 a.m. beginning Monday, June 10.

Hot food will be served in the Bar from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. Menu will include steak sandwiches, lamb chops to order, hamburgers, ham and eggs, bacon and eggs, French fried potatoes, etc.

Dining room hours are noon until 2:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## GRAY HEADS AWARDS COMMITTEE; OTHER CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

The appointment of William P. Gray as chairman of the Awards Committee was confirmed May 27 by the Board of Governors. Larry Newman was named vice chairman. At the same time, Victor Weybright was appointed chairman of the Book Committee, assisted by John Lowell Pratt.

Gertrude Samuels was reappointed chairman of the Foreign Journalists Liaison Committee. Vice chairman is Arthur Reef.

Co-chairmen of the Library Committee are Anita Diamant Berke and Madeline Ross. Egbert White heads the Placement Committee.

Bill Safire was named vice chairman of the Program Committee. Ansel E. Talbert was appointed head of the committee May 9.

President Cecil Brown has designated Treasurer A. Wilfred May to act in place of Richard de Rochemont, second vice president, during his absence in Africa and Europe. De Rochemont is liaison officer for the Budget, Book, House Operations, Magazine, Radio-TV and Who's Who Committees, and is acting chairman of the Budget Committee. He will be gone several weeks.

### FERBER WISHES SUCCESS TO OPC ON "SHOW BOAT"

Edna Ferber, author of the best selling novel, *Show Boat*, has wished the OPC success in the sponsorship of the opening night presentation of the musical adaptation of her book on June 27 at Jones Beach.

In a letter addressed to President Cecil Brown May 24, Miss Ferber wrote: "It makes me happy to know that the Overseas Press Club is sponsoring the opening night performance of 'Show Boat' at Jones Beach on June 27. How good of you to think of me as one who has been scheduled to receive a special citation on that evening.

"My thanks to you, and every good wish for the success of the evening."

The OPC is to receive approximately \$8,000, one-half of the expected gross receipts from opening night, from the project. The presentation of the musical by Oscar Hammerstein and Jerome Kern at the Marine Amphitheatre at Jones Beach this summer is being produced by Guy Lombardo.

### BULLETIN COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointed to the Bulletin Committee last week by Chairman John Wilhelm were: Arthur Milton, vice chairman and advertising director; Richard Marshall, production manager; Charles Lanius, articles editor; Ralph Major, Robert Dunne, Milton Bracker, Paul R. Miller, Jr., Ruth Lloyd, Roland Gask, Tom Winston and Gerald Schroder.

## around the world:

### LOUIS LOCHNER VISITS THE EAST

by Louis P. Lochner

Mrs. Lochner and I were invited to a garden party of unforgettable beauty given in connection with India's Republic Day, January 26, by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, president of the Republic in New Delhi.

It was interesting to observe this devoted follower of Mahatma Gandhi at close range. His modesty, his courtliness and his evident honesty seemed to us to be important factors at a time when India is still struggling with the almost insuperable problem of leading a recently liberated nation of almost four hundred million inhabitants, three quarters of whom are illiterate, to better days.

But what gave particular zest to this party on the exquisite grounds of what was once the gardens surrounding the British Viceroy's palace, now the "White House" of India, was the fact that Russian Soviet Marshal Grigory Konstantinovich Zhukov happened to be present as the honored guest of the nation.

After President Prasad had taken his seat on a garden bench, it devolved upon Prime Minister Nehru to show the Russian visitor a part of the palace grounds not included in the space made available for the Republic Day reception — the famed sunken gardens. Though not invited to join Zhukov, Nehru and the retinue of Indian and Russian officials, I was so curious to see what was happening that I nudged my wife and whispered, "Let's talk German; the Indians will think we are speaking Russian and consider us part of the official delegation." The trick worked.

To trudge directly behind Nehru and his guest was worthwhile. The rather spiritual face of the slim, almost ascetic-looking Indian premier contrasted greatly with the bull-neck of the merciless Communist zealot who did not hesitate to order his soldiers to shoot down hapless, defenseless Hungarian rebels against Communist tyranny. I could not imagine how these two men, so different in their attitude toward human life, could come to a real understanding.

My surmise seemed to be proven correct when a little incident, viewed only by a few people, took place. As Zhukov and Nehru emerged from the breath-taking sunken gardens and returned to the general party the Soviet marshal and the Indian premier found themselves near a long table laden with teacups, tea, cakes and sweets.

"You like some tea?" Nehru asked,

curtly.

Zhukov nodded.

"Here you are," the Indian statesman continued. He pointed to the table and calmly left his guest standing while he himself mixed among the guests.

This was our chance to approach Nehru and to remind him how he had been the guest of the Overseas Press Club in 1949 and had sat between President Frank Kelley and myself, then vice president. He expressed warm interest in our acquisition of a new press center and reminisced about his first journey to America. The minute I referred to his second visit, this time with President Eisenhower, he froze up and then seemed relieved when someone who apparently knew him well accosted him. Naturally, Mrs. Lochner and I bowed ourselves out. With a winning smile he bade us farewell.

Ngo Dinh Diem

More than a month passed, during which we saw other parts of India and had a leisurely look-see at the "Forbidden kingdom" of Nepal, at the fascinating capital of Thailand, Bangkok, and at the fabulous ruins of Angkor in Cambodia. We then reached a country much in the news these days — Vietnam.

A few days later I was invited to visit President Ngo Dinh Diem, the man who is proving to be one of our staunchest friends in the Orient. Only six days previously an attempt had been made on President Diem's life as he was about to deliver an address. It could easily have succeeded had the assassin's gun not jammed after he wounded the Minister of Agriculture standing beside the president. According to all accounts of witnesses from a number of countries, Ngo Dinh Diem showed not the slightest nervousness, remained imperturbably calm, and in a steady voice began his speech on schedule.

Naturally I congratulated him on his escape from death when this short, forceful man, whose youthful face belies his fifty-six years, entered the reception room with quick steps.

"That is the risk of the profession," he replied with a smile. Learning through his press chief, who introduced us, that I had been an American correspondent in Germany for many years, he pointed to the similarity between the problems of reunification as presented by the

separation of Eastern Germany from the rest of the Federal Republic and the division of his country into North and South Vietnam. He seemed especially interested in how the Federal German Republic managed to take care of the many German refugees who fled from the Communist "German People's Democracy."

"Vietnamese reunification," he said, "can come only if South Vietnam is so much better and stronger than the Communist northern part, and if our educational level is raised greatly. There are too few schools and too few teachers. In addition, our high schools, for instance, are short, not only on good teachers but also on equipment for the courses in the natural sciences. We have only one university and in it not all faculties are represented."

Ramon Magsaysay

The barren regions in the northern part of his state, the president revealed, constitute a special danger because they are in the area of Communist infiltration. It is essential, he pointed out, that they be made arable and that loyal anti-Communists be settled there.

"For all these reasons," he argued, "it is imperative that military, economic and educational aid from America be continued. The danger of Communism is still grave."

Twelve days before Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippine Republic, met an untimely death in an airplane crash, I had an interesting chat with him in the most democratic "White House" of a chief of state anywhere — the Malacanang Palace in Manila. Bruno Shaw had kindly arranged this appointment, as well as an appointment with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China.

When I entered the Chief Executive's office, I noticed that his desk in the center of the large room, on which a photograph of President Eisenhower was prominently displayed, was flanked by two rows of chairs on which two Philippine delegations had already been seated. I was directed to sit near a door to the left of center.

A few moments later President Magsaysay entered by this door. He wore a beautifully embroidered shirt, tan trousers, and tan-and-white shoes. The so-called barong tagalog shirt is a distinctly Philippine creation, exquisitely embroidered, sometimes with gold and silver. It is quite proper for formal occasions, and in the evening takes the place of the dinner coat or the "soup-



## Newsman's Guide To France

*Sketch of country:* The country's population is 43,500,000; there are 111,000,000 persons more in the French Union overseas. The country is, in many ways, every newsman's dream, but the dreams come expensively — there is excellent food and wine, as always, but it's one of the most expensive spots in the world in which to live or work. The country is strongly pro-West but there's a strong undercurrent of neutralism, some scattered anti-American feeling and a dangerously high Communist vote (one in five). The per capita gross national product is less than one-half of what it is in the U.S.; salaries are even lower though prices are often higher. Paris is one of the main news centers of the world, not only as the capital of France, but as the headquarters of SHAPE, NATO, OEEC, UNESCO and other international organizations. Officials are generally friendly and helpful.

*Where newsmen stay:* Correspondents often "put up" at the Hotel California, across from the *Herald Tribune* building, the Crillon, Scribe, George V, Plaza Athenee and Claridge's. There is no real headquarters, press club or single center.

*Where newsmen drink:* The Crillon bar and the California bar get most of the newsmen's trade, but Harry's New York Bar, the Ritz bar and the *Herald Tribune* rooftop bar also are used. Paris' big function for correspondents is the Anglo-American Press Ass'n. monthly luncheon. Contact *Eric Hawkins*, Secretary of the Ass'n., at the N.Y. *Herald Tribune*.

*Government regulations restricting entry of journalists and filing of copy:* American newsmen may come and go freely without visas. Visas and residence permits are required for visits of three months and longer. Accreditation procedures are smoothed by the Service de Presse Etrangere of the Presidence du Conseil, in charge of Mme. Angeline de Kerguelen and M. Andre Pavard, 14 Rue Lord Byron, Paris 8. Press Wireless, Western Union and Commercial Cables arrange necessary filing formalities. Although a correspondent is freer in France than almost anywhere else in the world, he must beware of the special sensitivity of the French about reporting of North African affairs.

*Government information sources:* Pierre Baraduc, director of the Foreign Ministry Press Service, and Jean Beliard, deputy director, are helpful official sources of information for newsmen. Also excellent contacts are regional briefing officers Claude Mantel (Mid-East, Morocco); Jacques Suel (Europe-Saar); Yvon Omnes (Far East); Leonard Schrike (Russia); Reginald de Warren (U.S.-U.N.). At the National Assembly press office is Marcel Vasseur; at the Algerian office press officer is M. Celly; Col. Lacheroy and Capt. de la Bigne are at the press office of the Defense Ministry.

*Other good people to know:* At the U.S. Embassy are *Morrill Cody*, Public Affairs Officer and Lowell Bennett, Press Attaché. Headquarters EUCOM Information Chief is Commander Harry Holton; USAFE Press Liaison: Captain John Scott; U.S. Mission to NATO and European Regional Organizations: Public Affairs Officer John Hamilton; Allied Land Forces Central Europe; Lt. Col. Alexander Smith; Allied Air Forces Central Europe: Wing Commander P.A.I. Cooper; NATO Information Director: *Geoffrey Parsons, Jr.*; SHAPE Public Information Deputy Chief, *R.V. Shinn*.

and-fish."

The President greeted me with a warm, hearty handclasp. I expressed my wonderment at his ability to see so many callers.

"Mine is a somewhat personalized administration," he explained, "but I can't do my job any other way. You see, we still have too many old bureaucrats who stolidly and unimaginatively go by the book and the rules. They are afraid to make decisions. So the people come to me. One should make decisions, come hell or high water." (His command of American slang is amazing). "One should decide, even if a mistake is made."

"I make many mistakes, but at least the delegations which come to see me go away with a decision. If I need further facts before deciding, I tell them so. If a thing can't be done, I explain why. My visitors leave satisfied, or at least with the issue decided."

uprisings, he prophesied. "There can be no peace in the world until east and west Germany, north and south Korea, north and south Vietnam, and Taiwanese and mainland China are reunited," he said.

"I wish we could visit you on the mainland," I said, meaning, of course, that I wished National China were master of all China.

The Generalissimo replied with gusto, "By all means, come and visit me there. I can give you a better reception there than here."

"That isn't what I was after," I countered, "honored though I feel at your kind invitation. What I mean is that I wish for the sake of the Chinese people and of humanity that you and your government were back on the continent."

"That day may come sooner than many people think," the President claimed. "It is not too far off. It is probably quite near." He spoke these words with great earnestness and conviction. He pointed out that everywhere on the continent there was dissatisfaction with the Communist regime and that loyal Nationalists on the mainland were ready to spring into action at a given signal to oust the Soviet regime. He left the impression that his and his troops' return from Taiwan would mean the victorious overthrow of the Mao Tse-tung regime.

As we bade the Generalissimo farewell, he cordially invited us to visit America-educated Mme. Chiang in the President's residence outside the temporary capital. Our time did not permit acceptance, but we were happy to accept his suggestion that we spend the remainder of the forenoon inspecting the Mme. Chiang's inspiring welfare work in the center of Taipei.

(This concludes OPC Past President Louis P. Lochner's account of his trip around the world.)

### FOLEY OF ABC MARRIED

Art Foley of ABC Press Information married Dorothy Bain, formerly of Thermopolis, Wyoming, May 4. A reception was held at the OPC. Foley was Chief of Photos for PID, Hq. U.S. Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany.

John MacCormac, N.Y. Times' Vienna correspondent, is in New York on home leave.

Alden Hatch left for Dublin June 4 to help Lord Mayor Robert Briscoe write his autobiography.

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## Szulc Called His Doctor to Get the Story Out

Tad Szulc, N.Y. Times correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, was sent to Bogota, Colombia, before tear gas and fireworks started the revolution there last month. Szulc used cloak-and-dagger techniques to get his story through the obstacles, set up by the country's political groups, to New York.

The N.Y. Times' house publication, Times Talk, pieced the story together from correspondence between Emanuel Freedman, foreign news editor, and Szulc after the revolution. It is abstracted here with permission of the N.Y. Times.

### Bogota

On my arrival here on April 30, I concluded that Gus' fall was only a matter of time and I so reported, perhaps going slightly out on a limb. (Ed. Note: "Gus" is Colombia's recently deposed dictator, Lieut. Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla.

Censorship on outgoing cables was, of course, complete. The Government required that every story be translated into Spanish, which would have made coverage impossible and, even so, very little could go out. From the first day on, therefore, we had recourse to the telephone. It is, by the way, one of the great mysteries of South America that it is possible to use the telephone when cables are censored.

On Friday, May 3, the student riots began in Bogota and the rebellion was officially on. I might add at this point that we were all constantly tailed by SIC (secret police agents); that there were live taps on all the phones we used, etc. Any moment I expected to be expelled or arrested.

I got my first whiff of tear gas—something to which I eventually became addicted—covering the first student riot at Javeriana University. I was gassed so many times by blue gas and yellow gas and gray gas that now I feel that something is missing in my life when I wind up a day without a good cry. I also got a lot of exercise running away from tear gas, from the water trucks with their red-dye streams, and from cops with rifles, bayonets and clubs. Our system was to cruise around town all day and evening looking for trouble spots. When we found one we'd stay with it as long as possible. This allowed me to get all the color and eyewitness stuff. The most dramatic incident was the May 5 riot at the Franciscan church. I had been tipped off that something of the sort would happen and I made a point of being aboard. It was certainly worth it except that I practically floated away on tear gas.

I was called in by General Ordóñez, secret police chief, who told me that Gus had read my stories predicting his

downfall and resented them. I told him that was understandable; that I, too, would be upset if I read somewhere that *The Times* was about to fire me. But, I said, I felt my reporting was accurate and didn't he think so? To my surprise, Ordóñez did agree and gave me some fascinating background on the situation. He said he would try to see to it that the Cartys (Winthrop Carty, *Time*, Inc., stringer in Colombia, whose wife, Lee, works for us here) and I would not be molested but he could promise nothing and we should be terribly careful. This was one of the amazing episodes about the whole story. Ordóñez could have so easily put me out of action, but we seemed to hit it off and I'm sure I owe much of my freedom of action to him.



TAD SZULC

There were other instances of help from unexpected people. The most fabulous was that of a mysteriously friendly telephone operator. On Sunday, May 5, when the army occupied Bogota,

military officers were placed in the Telephone Office. Orders were issued that no calls for Szulc or Carty were to be taken from New York. We learned this from an English-speaking operator who indicated anti-Government leanings and felt that American newspapers should have the story of Colombia's struggle for freedom. The operator suggested that we use other names—Jack Cluzs (Szulc spelled backward) for me; also recommended that we use other numbers, and possibly foreign languages in calling New York.

(Editor's Note: The scheme worked. "Jack Cluzs" called "Dr. Freedman," his New York physician, for medical advice. Actually, Dr. Freedman is Emanuel Freedman, foreign news editor. In their conversation, which had nothing to do with illness, Mr. Freedman gave "Cluzs" a new telephone number to use, the number of *The Times* office in Newark, N.J. This is listed in the MArket exchange in Newark but is routed through *The Times* Forty-third Street switchboard. Rewrite men took Szulc's stories over this hook-up for twenty-four hours until Fred Meinholtz, communications chief, worked out an automatic telephone recorder system to take the stories from Colombia.)

It was getting to be a Hollywood type of thing and each day we feared there would be no more calls through. In the last two days things got so bad—what with the censors practically sitting in the

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laps of the operators—that our switchboard friend had no choice but to fake calls.. This means that when we placed a call to *The Times* in New York it was put down as an incoming call. On Thursday, May 9, the friendly operator reported that nothing more could be done to help us because they were being watched. We failed to get through for a second edition story and things looked grim indeed. That same afternoon Carty and the *Life* photographer were arrested. I had to drop everything else to try to spring them loose. This was finally accomplished after four hours.

One reason we were able to keep abreast of the fast-breaking news was that the Carty's friends, and mine, worked for us day and night. We were tipped off about everything that was happening almost the minute it did happen. There were calls from Bogota, Cali and elsewhere. Student, underground and political opposition leaders dropped in at all hours. Underground manifestoes and communiques appeared daily under my door, sometimes on my breakfast tray under the coffee jug.

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**DATELINE WASHINGTON**

Senator John F. Kennedy's address to the OPC Annual Awards Dinner-Dance May 7 was placed in the *Congressional Record* by Senator Mike Mansfield.

Arthur Holzman, Ass't. General Counsel, U.S. Air Force, returned from a 'round-the-world tour of Air Force installations. He's now serving his two weeks' active duty as Navy's liaison officer with the Air Force in connection with Armed Forces Day.

The press corps attended the funeral of Mrs. Morgan Beatty held here May 29. She died in Chicago May 26.

Jessie Stearns

**FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS!**

To all members overseas and at home: How many names can you recall of your colleagues overseas who are now back in the U.S. but do not belong to the OPC?

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We would be interested in knowing, too, where the correspondent served and for which organization he worked, as this information may help us in extending the invitation.

John Luter  
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Murray Fromson, AP's correspondent in Singapore, was in New York on home leave. He returns to Singapore following a trip to the West Coast.

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*Life En Espanol*, Nov. '52 to date; *La  
Prensa*, May '31 to Feb '51 (Buenos Aires) — May to Dec. '45 (Europe); *Juridicas y Sociales*, '32 to '36 (Buenos Aires). Proposed by Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz; seconded by Henry Moscow.

ANGUS DEMING, United Press, Oct. '56 to date (Paris); *Wall Street Journal*, June '52 to June '56; *Syracuse Post-Standard* stringer Aug. '49 to Oct. '50; *Citizen Advertiser*, March '49 to Oct. '50. Proposed by Thomas Curran; seconded by Bernard S. Redmont.

MORRIE S. HELITZER, McGraw Hill World News — presently chief of bureau Bonn — Oct. '56 to Mar. '57 (London); ABC, Apr. '55 to Sept. '56; NBC, Dec. '53 to Jan. '55 (India); INS, Nov. '48 to Sept. '50 (UN, Germany, France, Austria) — Apr. '47 to Sept. '48 (US); UP, Oct. '46 to Mar. '47. Proposed by William J. Coughlin; seconded by John Wilhelm.

WILLIAM PAIN, *Time*, Inc. — *Life* — '51 to '55 (NY), Sept. '55 to Feb. '57 (South-east Asia), Feb. '57 to present (NY). Proposed by Wayne Richardson; seconded by Charles Robbins.

ROBERT S. RODWIN, *News of the Day*,

May '51 to present (NY), Special Assign.  
June '53 (London). Proposed by Richard  
S. Milbauer; seconded by William P. Montague.

### ASSOCIATE

MICHEL CIEPLINSKI, *Newsletter*, editor, '55 to date; Inter-Racial Press, Pres. '54 to date; Champlain Adv. Co., Pres. '48 to date; *Nouw Swiat*, '40 to '48; ICK, '30 to '39 (Poland). Proposed by James H. Sheldon; seconded by Victor Shimkin.

FRANKLIN L. GREGORY, Newark Star-Ledger, bureau chief, Sept. '51 to present; *Philadelphia Record*, July '36 to Nov. '46. Proposed by Michael G. Crisan; seconded by Charles Lanius.

BETTY PEPIS, *NY Times*, June '49 to Oct. '56 (overseas assign. 2 mos., Scandinavia, Italy, Japan); *Look* magazine, July '43 to Oct. '46. Proposed by Ben Grauer; seconded by Relman Morin.

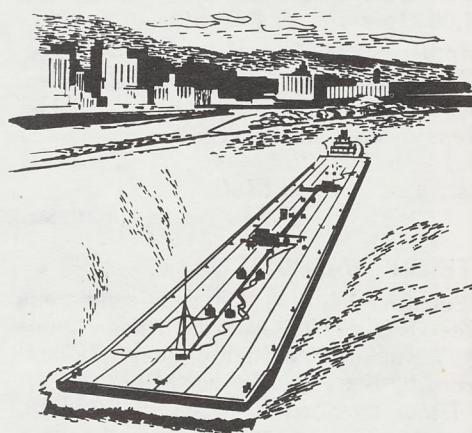
NILS C.G. RASMUSSEN, ABC, July '43 to present, Middle East. Proposed by John Daly; seconded by Donald Coe.

JOSEPH B. SCHOLNICK, *Buffalo Evening News*, Sept. '51 to Jan. '56; *Miami Herald*, June '49 to Sept. '50. Proposed by Joseph Field; seconded by Arthur Reef.

JAMES H. WALTER, *Springfield Daily News*, Feb. '47 to Oct. '50; presently with Shell Oil Co. Proposed by George F. Caulfield; seconded by Spencer Valmy.

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